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SUBJECT: US-JORDANIAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING FOR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT: DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT

1. EMBASSY FORWARDS FOLLOWING US-GOJ DRAFT STATEMENT AS  
AGREED TO BY U.S. AND GOJ.

2. TEXT: JOINT JORDANIAN-U.S. STATEMENT ON VISIT OF AID  
ADMINISTRATOR PARKER AND MEETING OF JORDANIAN-U.S. JOINT  
COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DANIEL PARKER VISITED JORDAN FROM  
JANUARY 25 THROUGH JANUARY 29. HE CAME FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
FAMILIARIZING HIMSELF WITH JORDAN'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE JORDANIAN-U.S.  
JOINT COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND  
INVESTMENT.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE HASSAN CONDUCTED  
MR. PARKER ON AN EXTENSIVE TWO-DAY TOUR OF JORDAN DURING  
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WHICH THE ADMINISTRATOR OBSERVED CURRENT ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND IMPORTANT POTENTIAL AREAS FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS WELL. THE TOUR PROVIDED A VISIT TO THE JORDAN VALLEY AND CONSULTATION WITH THE JORDAN VALLEY COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE JORDAN VALLEY, INCLUDING U.S.-ASSISTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR EXTENSION OF THE EAST GHOR CANAL AND IN THE FIELDS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION, IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE AID ADMINISTRATOR SURVEYED EXAMPLES OF CURRENT JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN THE CITY AND PORT OF AQABA, AT THE JORDANIAN PHOSPHATE COMPANY AT HASSA AND AT PETRA. MR. PARKER ALSO VISITED SEVERAL AREAS OF PLANNED FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AGRICULTURE, MINERALS AND TOURISM IN THE SOUTHERN RIFT VALLEY CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED IN THE JORDANIAN FIVE-YEAR PLAN. THESE AREAS INCLUDED THE DEAD SEA, WADI MUJIB, WADI DANA AND WADI ARABA.

PURSUANT TO THE U.S.-JORDANIAN STATEMENT OF JUNE 18, 1974 AND AUGUST 18, 1974 ESTABLISHING A GENERAL JORDAN-UNITED STATES JOINT COMMISSION, A MEETING WAS HELD ON JANUARY 28, 1975 ON JORDANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND PRIME MINISTER ZAYD AL RIFAI ATTENDED THE MEETING WHICH INCLUDED THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION CONSISTING OF THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY, THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET. MR. PARKER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (OPIC), HEADED THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN AND THE HEAD OF THE USAID MISSION IN JORDAN. THE MEETING REVIEWED JORDANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS UNDER THE CURRENT THREE-YEAR PLAN AND THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF PLANNING FOR THE FORTHCOMING FIVE-YEAR PLAN. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION DESCRIBED PAST AND PRESENT U.S. ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT AND MR. PARKER INDICATED THE FIRM INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE ITS PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN. IN THAT CONNECTION, THE TWO DELEGATIONS EXPLORED POSSIBLE AREAS OF

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INCREASED U.S. ASSISTANCE IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE THE JORDANIAN CAPACITY FOR ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

THE MEETING ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION IN THE AREA OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A U.S.-JORDANIAN WORKING GROUP TO MEET AT AN EARLY DATE TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION THE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR

CAN MAKE IN THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT FIELDS IN JORDAN. IT WAS  
DECIDED THAT THE NEXT MEETING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE  
AND INVESTMENT WILL BE HELD IN AMMAN EARLY IN 1976 AT A DATE  
TO BE DETERMINED. END TEXT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF JOINT  
STATEMENT BY 0800 LOCAL TIME (0600 GMT) JANUARY 29 SO  
WE CAN ISSUE PUBLICLY PRIOR TO AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER'S  
MORNING JANUARY 29 DEPARTURE.  
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